

CHAPTER NO. 990

HOUSE BILL NO. 2462

By Representatives Odom, Sherry Jones, West, Fraley

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2709

By Senator Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204, relative to choice of medical treatment for certain injuries.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(a)(4), is amended by:

- (1) inserting the language ", except as provided in subitem (B)," between the language "provided, that" and the words "the employer" in the first sentence;
- (2) deleting the last sentence in its entirety;
- (3) designating the existing language as subitem (A); and
- (4) adding the following language to be designated as subitem (B):

(B) If the injury is a back injury, then the group of three (3) or more physicians or surgeons required to be designated pursuant to subitem (A) shall be expanded to four (4), one of whom must be a doctor of chiropractic; provided, however, no more than twelve (12) visits to such doctor of chiropractic shall be approved per back injury; provided further, the provisions of this subitem shall not apply to state or local government employees.

SECTION 2. The State Treasurer shall file a report with the Chairman of Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee, the House Commerce Committee and the Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee no later than September 1, 2001, on the effect the implementation of this act has had on the workers' compensation pool.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to workers' compensation self-insurer pools established pursuant to § 50-6-405(c)(1).

SECTION 4. The Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee shall file a report with the Chairman of the Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee and the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee no later than September 1, 2002, on the effect the implementation of this act has had on the workers compensation pool.

SECTION 5. This bill shall sunset and terminate on December 31, 2001.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 9, 2000

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this            day of            2000

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DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had House Bill No. 2462 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.